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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT
FOR THE
URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT
OF
BARTON-UPON-HUMBER
FOR THE YEAR 1948
BY
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July, 1949.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for 1948.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

The area of Barton-on-Humber is :-

6,343 acres land and inland waters.

838 " tidal waters.

The population is 5,962.

There are 1,960 inhabited houses in the Town.

The Rateable Value of the district is £25,262.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
LIVE BIRTHS	50	46	96
Legitimate... ..	46	45	91
Illegitimate.	4	1	5
Birth Rate (excluding Still-births) 16.11 per 1,000.			

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
STILL-BIRTHS - Legitimate ...	-	-	-
Illegitimate ...	-	1	1

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
DEATHS	41	43	84
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR...	2	1	3
Legitimate ...	2	1	3
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-
Death Rate (all ages) 14.08 per 1,000.			

<u>CASES OF DEATH.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	1	-	1
Cancer.	3	4	7
Intra-cranial vascular lesions.	9	10	19
Heart disease.	7	11	18
Other circulatory diseases.	3	3	6
Bronchitis.	3	3	6
Pneumonia.	2	2	4
Other respiratory diseases.	1	-	1
Digestive diseases.	1	2	3
Nephritis.	-	3	3
Diabetes.	-	2	2
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum.	-	1	1

VITAL STATISTICS (Continued).

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Congenital Malformation	1	-	1
Suicide.	1	-	1
All other causes.	9	2	11

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The following infectious diseases have been notified to me during the year :-

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Scarlet Fever.	1	-	1
Chickenpox.	68	67	135
Whooping-cough.	17	21	38
Measles.	111	99	210
Tuberculosis Pulmonary.	1	1	2
Non-Pulmonary.	-	1	1

DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS.

	<u>Under 5.</u>	<u>Over 5 but under 15.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
No. of children who completed immunisation during the year.	103	1	104

HEALTH SERVICES ACT.

The Lindsey County Council has a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, a School Clinic, a Tuberculosis Clinic and V.D. Clinic at its premises at No. 50, Holydyke.

Maternity Homes are provided by the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board at Scunthorpe and Cleethorpes.

An ambulance operated by the County Council is stationed at the County Fire Station, Holydyke, and is available for the residents of Barton and the surrounding district.

There is no hospital in the Urban District, but a scheme has been submitted for a small hospital and health centre.

HEALTH SERVICES ACT. CONTD.

Accommodation for Infectious diseases is provided by the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board at Brumby and elsewhere. Cases of Smallpox are segregated in a hospital in the parish of Osgodby.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations are carried out at Lincoln.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water Supply from the Waterworks is good, and 80% of the houses in the Town are connected with the mains. The rest of the houses are supplied by pumps and wells which yield good water.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

The Council now employs 1 full-time Surveyor, one full-time Sanitary Inspector who commenced duty in September, 1948, and one part-time Medical Officer.

27 earth closets have been converted to water closets during the year. The Council has also adopted in principle a scheme for systematic conversion throughout the town.

The removal of nightsoil and ashes is carried out weekly.

A Mortuary is provided and post-mortem examinations can be efficiently carried out in it.

It will be noted from the Sanitary Inspector's Report that all the work in connection with the repair and improvement of Dwelling-Houses has been done without the serving of Formal Notices.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

DWELLING-HOUSES.

48 new houses have been erected during the year.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year -

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).

111

(b) No. of inspections made for the purpose.

234

(2) Number of Dwelling-Houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.

106

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED.

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.	72
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3. HOUSING ACT, 1936. - PART IV. - OVERCROWDING.

(a) (I) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year.	2
(II) Number of families dwelling therein.	3
(III) Number of persons dwelling therein.	19
(b) (I) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.	12
(II) Number of persons concerned in such cases.	89

BAKEHOUSES.

No. in district.	5
No. of inspections.	15

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

No. on register.	3
No. of inspections.	1.1.48.-31.8.48.-"Daily". 1.9.48.-31.12.48.-10

COWSHEDS.

No. on register.	20
No. of inspections.	Casual

DAIRIES AND MILK SHOPS.

No. on register.	27
No. of inspections.	Casual

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED.

UNSOUND FOOD.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle exc. Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
No. killed.	536	147	224	1672	63
No. inspected.	536	147	224	1672	63

All diseases except Tuberculosis.

Whole carcasses condemned.	4	6	2	26	13
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	143	25	-	30	10
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	27.4%	21.1%	.89%	3.34%	36.5%

Tuberculosis only.

Whole carcasses condemned.	10	8	-	-	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	39	6	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	9.1%	9.5%	-	-	3.1%

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

No. of premises in district.	1
No. of inspections.	2

WATER SUPPLY.

Wells - Cleansed, repaired.	1
Public Supply - Area supplied. - All except outlying "Rural" part of district.	
Percentage of houses supplied.	80%

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED.

CLOSETS.

No. of houses with privy vaults in district : 29) In collection
No. of houses with pail closets in district : 740) area.
840 in whole district.
No. of pail closets substituted for privy vaults : 6.
No. of pail closets repaired : 19.
No. of water-closets substituted for dry receptacles : 27.
No. of houses with water-closets in district : 995.
No. of water-closets repaired : 8.

DRAINS.

Drains examined, tested, exposed, &c. : 26.
Drains unstopped, repaired, trapped, &c. : 11.
Waste pipes, rain water pipes disconnected, repaired, &c. : 5.
New soil pipes or ventilating shafts fixed : 1.
Drains reconstructed : 8.

SEWERS.

New lengths of sewer laid : 4300 feet (New housing estate).

HOUSE REFUSE.

No. of covered ashpits : None in collection area.
No. of uncovered ashpits : None in collection area.
No. of houses using bins : 1820.
Refuse removed weekly by Public Scavenger.
Method of final disposal : Tipping.
Are existing arrangements for refuse removal satisfactory : Fairly.

NUISANCES.

Total number of nuisances during year :-

Abated as result of informal action by Sanitary Inspector : 46.

DETAILS OF NUISANCES ABATED.

	<u>After informal intimation.</u>
Smoke.	1
Accumulation of refuse.	1
Dampness.	5
Yards repaved or repaired.	2
Other nuisances.	37

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED.

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS.

1. Water and Sanitary Accommodation Survey.

During October and November, 1948, a house-to-house survey of property in the "built-up" area of the district was carried out to find out which houses had piped water supplies, water closets, etc. The figures given in the Sections on Water Supply and Closets are based upon the results of that survey.

2. Closet Conversion Scheme.

A further result of the above-mentioned survey was the adoption in principle by the Council of a scheme to convert all earth closets into water closets within the sewered area of the town.

As a first instalment of the scheme the Council has decided to convert 52 pail closets and 18 privies to water closets. The approval in principle of the Ministry of Health has already been obtained to this scheme, and formal application for loan sanction has been made. When this is obtained the work will be carried out as materials and labour become available.

J. BROCKLEBANK.

SANITARY INSPECTOR.

The erection of new Council houses has progressed steadily during the year and many of the worst cases of overcrowding have been relieved. Every effort should be made to maintain the present rate of progress.

The general condition of the older cottage property in the town has deteriorated very badly during the last ten years. The raising of the general standard of housing accommodation in the town will be one of the major problems of the local authority for a number of years to come.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. P. H. BIRTWHISTLE.

Medical Officer of Health.

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